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[¶1.](#) Rita Kazragiene, head of the MFA's UN Division, told us on September 4 that the GOL was glad to see the USG take an active role on human rights at UNGA, particularly since the USG limited its involvement with the HRC. She said that the GOL is likely to support all the USG's human rights initiatives in the Third Committee. She also said that the GOL in general does not support no action motions. She added that the GOL's mission in Geneva has a renewed focus on human rights and she expects the GOL to increase its attention on human rights in general over the next year.

[¶2.](#) Kestutis Vaskelevicius, assistant adviser to the President, told us on September 4 that the GOL's positions on human rights correspond with those of the USG. He added that a strong stance by the USG on human rights is essential for continued progress.
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